

Six students take part in state chess tournament in Houston

By Ildefonso Ortiz
Tempo Nuevo Editor

Six UTB/TSC students participated in the Texas State Collegiate Chess Championship held in Houston during the weekend. Results were not available at press time.

"This is the Super Bowl of chess tournaments in the state," said Vince Solis, director of Student Activities and UTB/TSC Chess Club co-sponsor who accompanied the group.

The tournament is open to all ranked collegiate-level competitors.

The students who are competing are Edward Camarillo, Sergio Martinez, Ariano Alvarado, Eric Barrialano, Hugo Perez and Luis Cesar Hernandez.

The chess club was formed recently to further promote intercollegiate competition.

"We've been in existence for about a month, and it got started because we're really interested in developing the collegiate chess team as an inter-competition squad among schools," Solis said

in an interview last week.

He said the team to beat is from the University of Texas at Dallas, because of the size and quality of its chess program.

"We eventually want to get to that level of competition and teach them a thing or two about chess," Solis said. He said the reason why UT-Dallas is so strong is that it recruits the best from the state, and those students are mostly from Brownsville.

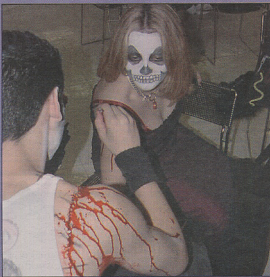
"The best players statewide are from Brownsville. ... Eventually, we want to have a dominant team, which can be used as a recruiting tool," Solis said. "UT-Dallas has the best team in the state and [the players] are from Brownsville, because many of them get full [scholarships]."

Of the six UTB/TSC players competing, three are former state high school champions and another has been playing since elementary school.

As for the other two, Solis

Said 'Chess,' Page 5

Ghoulish gal



Pace High School student Christine Civil gets "blood" painted on her shoulder during Student Activities' Halloween Hawke celebration at the Student Center. The Gorgias Science Society sponsored the face- and hair-painting booth. See more photos on Page 12.

Students now can park in staff lots after 5:30 p.m.

By Josie Chávez
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association has announced that staff parking lots will be available for students to park in after 5:30 p.m.

At last spring's Parking Ad-Hoc Committee forum, then-SGA President Melissa Acevedo suggested having the staff parking lots available for

student use after 5:30 p.m. Acevedo's suggestion was taken into consideration and at its meeting Oct. 25, the SGA announced that staff parking lots B-1, at the corner of International Boulevard and May Street; B-2, at the corner of Ridgely Road and 18th Street; and B-3, between the Old Mosque and the Art Building, may be used by students after 5:30 p.m.

Vince Solis, director of Student Activities and SGA sponsor, presented a proposal for a Bougainvillea/Homecoming theme the week of April 22-27. Several events that will commemorate the 75th anniversary of Texas Southmost College and the 10th anniversary of the University of Texas at Brownsville.

In other business:

—Edward Carrillo, treasurer and Finance Committee chair, proposed an amendment to Resolution No. 2 that would increase the budget from \$500 to \$600 for shirts and nametags for the new representatives. Steven Dedaz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

—The 2001-02 expenditures approved by the SGA are \$172.50 for advertising in The

Collegian; \$35 for UTB/TSC Printing Services for SGA pamphlets, \$69.50 for office business cards; \$321 for Southwest Advertising for the officer and representatives' shirts; and \$50 for the volleyball tournament.

—Solis announced that he would like every club to sponsor two members to run for Bougainvillea King and Queen, but they will be voted upon individually.

On Campus

Briefs

The Coalition for Environmental Justice meets at 6:30 p.m. the first and third Monday of every month to address environmental issues in the Brownsville/Matamoros area. Today's meeting will be conducted at Puro Café, located in the Palm Village Shopping Center. For more information and for future locations of meetings, call Barbara or John at 504-9469 or send an e-mail at john@ies.net.

The Counseling Center will sponsor a stress-relieving session at 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Center faculty lounge.

The Veterans Day ceremony, featuring a Confederate Air Force flyover, the 32nd Army Band, the Fort Hood Three Cavalry Detachment and a training squadron flyover, will begin at 11 a.m. Thursday on the South Hall Lawn. The event is sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs.

A storytelling hour featuring "Reflections and Memories of the Fort Brown of Yesteryear" will take place at 6 p.m. Thursday at the UTB/TSC Bookstore. Refreshments will be served.

The UTB/TSC Chamber Ensembles and Rondalla, conducted by Maria Arrese, will perform at 8 p.m. Thursday at the SET-B Lecture Hall. Admission is \$3.

Students interested in joining the Scorpion Democrats, a chapter of the Texas Young Democrats, are encouraged to attend their first meeting at 4 p.m. Nov. 14 at the gazebos. For more information, call Amy Divilla at 423-2356 or Nick Cordoba Jr. at 550-0105.

The UTB/TSC University Community Orchestra, conducted by Michael Stone, will perform at 8 p.m. Nov. 14 at the SET-B Lecture Hall. Admission is \$3.

"The Green House," a French film directed by Philippe de Broca, will be shown at 7 p.m. Nov. 16 in SET-B 2.548. The presentation is sponsored by the University Cinema Club.

"Rolando Reyna: A One-Man Show" is on exhibit at the Richardson Art Gallery through Nov. 16. Admission is free.

Ten members of the Alliance Française will make a presentation of "Those Frenchmen in the Cid's Spain," from 2 to 4 p.m. Nov. 17 at the Hidalgo County Historical Museum lecture hall in Edinburg, as part of the annual Medieval Fair. Presenters will be Marco de Leon, Roman Perez, Joey Fonseca, Josefina Espinoza, Chela Villarreal, Alfredo Norberto, Eddie Lara, Tomas Gómez, Ester Leal and Jeanette Phoggy. For more information, call Milo Kearney at 544-8260.

Flu shots are available at the Student Health Center for \$10. Shots will be administered on a first-come, first-served basis because of the limited amount on hand. For more information, call 544-8951.

If you would like your club, organization or department news published in the Briefs section, please call Josie Chavez at 544-8263, e-mail her at collegian@utb1.utb.edu or visit The Collegian office, located in the Student Center. The deadline for the Nov. 12 issue is 5 p.m. today.

Campus Police Report

A computer theft, two fire alarms and a threat are among the incidents reported by Campus Police for the week of Oct. 22-28.

On Oct. 22, a computer was reported stolen from Duffley Plaza. An employee reported seeing the computer on the 19th, but when he returned on the following Monday, the computer was missing. The police report said employees checked all classrooms, but were unable to find the computer.

At 11:15 p.m. that same day, a student reported a hit-

and-run accident. She had parked her white 2000 Nissan Altima about 7 p.m. in the C-2 parking lot, in front of North Hall. When she arrived home after class she noticed a dent and some scraped paint on the front right side of the vehicle.

About 5 p.m. Oct. 23, a fire alarm went off in the Life and Health Sciences Building. A faulty fire detector was deemed the cause of the incident and the contractor was contacted, the report said.

At 7 p.m. on that same day, a fire alarm went off in Tandy

Hall. Both Physical Plant and Campus Police searched for smoke and fire, which led them to the ceiling of the men's restroom. They determined the smoke was caused by a mechanical malfunction in the ventilator motor.

On Oct. 24 a student reported that four female students approached her in Tandy Hall. One of the students pointed her finger at her and made verbal threats. The student told Campus Police she feared that something might happen to her vehicle. —Blakefoss Ortiz

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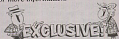
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Comedian speaks of overcoming physical challenges

By Elizabeth Nemque
Staff Writer

Have you ever seen a blind man ski? Or, maybe fly a plane?

Alex Valdez, a speaker and stand-up comedian who is blind, shared these and other personal experiences with UTB/TSC students on Oct. 23 in the Student Center for "Accessibility Awareness Week," the university's



Alex Valdez

weeklong celebration to commemorate October's Disability Awareness Month. The university invited Valdez to bring insight, laughter and inspiration, while discussing the common disabilities of humankind.

Guided by his seeing-eye dog, Roca, Valdez took the stage and began to share humorously the lessons that life liberally offers to all people, whether physically challenged or not.

"Laughter is one of the ultimate tools in keeping life's difficulties in proper perspective," Valdez said, explaining the reason why he can view life humorously even when given a complication like blindness.

He spoke candidly about the physical challenge he faces and other disabilities.

"Some people may view my blindness as something that sets me apart—makes me different from them; the truth is, while we may

all appear different on the outside, on the inside we are all very much the same."

In his presentation, Valdez articulated parallels that exist between the physical impairments of the body and the universal impairments caused by one's attitude. The

humorist specifically addressed the counterpoint to physical paralysis, namely the paralysis of the fear of failure. Valdez also mentioned a few "tools" courage and faith—that he uses to empower himself to move beyond fear. He explained that physical paralysis might keep the legs from moving; yet, the paralysis that comes from fear "can keep us from moving at all." Valdez then declared, "We are all challenged."

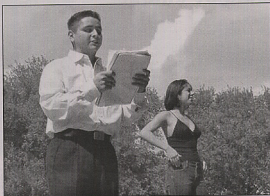
When speaking on courage, Valdez cited Winston Churchill who once said, "The primary virtue in life is courage because without it none of the other virtues are possible." Valdez said, "Courage is not the absence of fear, it is action in the face of it," and further defined this virtue as "nothing more than a positive attitude combined with action and supported by faith."

According to Valdez, courage allows people to face their fears even when challenges are difficult and consequences less than desirable.

"It is only when we struggle with the obstacles of life are we able to use them as steppingstones to something better."

Valdez describes faith in God as another tool used to overcome the fear that paralyzes. He acknowledged that many instances

Mystery date



COURTNEY SALINAS

Alex Salinas, an Alpha Kappa Psi member, solicits bids for a date with freshman Leslie Castañon, during the fraternity's "Friend for a Day" auction Oct. 26 in the Student Center

Courtyard. The group raised \$1,036 for Zeta pledge class induction fees. Nine students volunteered to be auctioned. Alpha Kappa Psi is a professional business fraternity.

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On Campus

New Jersey diner could be unique

By Tara Kane

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

LITTLE FALLS, N.J. — After a night of studying in her dorm, Jen Foglia is looking forward to grabbing a burger and fries without sacrificing her parking spot on the crowded Montclair State University campus.

"It's 3 in the morning, you got the munchies... it's right here," said Foglia, a freshman.

Other students standing nearby shared Foglia's opinion as the Red Hawk Diner, a 24-hour eatery in the heart of the campus, finally opened last week.

University officials had pushed back the opening of the diner, constructed on the campus over the summer, because of the events of Sept. 11.

But any students wondering when the doors of the Red Hawk would finally swing open had their answer last week as "Rock Around the Clock" blasted from stereo speakers and Red Hawk himself, looking more like a chicken, danced to the beat.

The Red Hawk, named after the university's mascot, is the first on-campus diner in New Jersey and is believed by university officials to be the only one in the nation. University officials say that would be appropriate.

"Isn't New Jersey consid-

ered to be the diner capital of the world?" said Nancy Carver, director of the university's food service.

The Red Hawk has typical 1950s-era features, from the reflective stainless steel exterior decorated with neon lights, to the booths, counter stools, and mosaic-tiled floor.

Some students remarked that the new diner looked a lot like the Park West Diner on Route 46. Both were built by Kullman Industries Inc., a Lebanon-based company that also furnished the Tick-Tock on Route 3.

But the Red Hawk Diner has something modern to offer: Internet ports under the tables. The phone jacks allow customers who possess a laptop computer to plug in and check their e-mail.

Some students said Internet access would be useful but not enough to visit the Red Hawk on a daily basis.

"I think eight bucks is a lot for chicken fingers," said Julie Betz, a freshman.

Other students shared their disappointment about the high prices but said the location can't be beat.

"We usually go to Six Brothers," said freshman Liza Patterson, referring to a nearby diner. "But we have to go to the parking lot to get our cars; here we could walk."

Greeting a scholar



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UTB/TSC President Juliet V. Garcia speaks with freshman and Scorpion Scholar Karen De la Cruz and her mother Alicia De la Cruz during the reception honoring participants in the Scorpion Scholars and Vision Nuevo Santander programs Oct. 25 at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel. Scorpion Scholars are

entering freshmen who are ranked in the top 5 percent and 10 percent of their high school class; they receive a one-year scholarship. Nuevo Santander participants are students from Mexico who graduated in the first five places, according to their GPA, of their class. They receive a one-year book scholarship.



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On Campus

Obituary

Cynthia Finch, 19;
was hard-workingBy John Strubelt
Collegian Editor

Relatives and co-workers remember Cynthia Finch as a genuinely considerate person and a hard worker.

Finch, a freshman nursing major, died in a car accident on Oct. 21. She was 19.

"She was a pretty happy, fun-loving person," said her brother, Walter Finch, in an interview last week with The Collegian. "Like every girl she liked shopping. She actually wanted to be a model. She did a few gigs every now and then. She also loved kids."

Miss Finch was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Her parents were Christian missionaries, and she traveled extensively to Japan, Korea and Mexico before coming to UTB/TSC.

Miss Finch had worked in the Hunter Room at the Arnulfo L. Oliveira Memorial Library.

"She was a very sweet person and she worked very hard," said Marco de Leon, a former co-worker at the Hunter Room. "She was very confident so we were shocked when we heard that she passed away. She really would've been someone if she had gotten the chance."

Miss Finch recently had begun working at the Social Sciences Department, where she also left a good impression on her co-workers.

"Well, she only worked [at the Social Sciences department] for two weeks and that's one of the greatest tragedies," said Ron Lane, chair of Social Sciences and associate master technical instructor. "She had a wonderful personality and a great way of getting things accomplished."

Services for Miss Finch were held Oct. 24 at Faith Presbyterian Church in Brownsville. Burial followed at the Port Isabel City Cemetery.

Chess

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said that they are very good, but have not competed at state level; all six, however, are ranked.

"The way the ranking system works is that every time they play a game they get a certain amount of points. ... Grandmasters have rankings upward of 2000, we have students with rankings of [1,200, 1,300] and 1,400 points, so they are good at what they do," Solis said.

The Student Activities director said that even though the team was recently formed, members have a positive attitude and are looking to win.

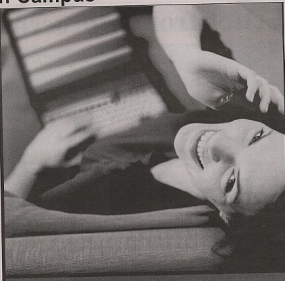
"We want them to win, how they are going to do we are not 100 percent sure but we are shooting for the gold," Solis said.

Some of the players talked about their experience and their expectations at the tournament.

"I first learned when I was in elementary, I went to Russell. I never played for the school though," said Edward Camarillo, a senior education major. "I hope to learn a lot about the game, I think we have a lot of great players and I hope to learn from them. I hear that the competition is outstanding and intense."

Arturo Alvarado, a freshman marine biology student, said, "It was the challenge, that's what got me started. I think I'll do fine. We [also] have a good team, and I think we have a good shot."

Sergio Martinez, a junior accounting major, said, "When I was young, I was part of the Boys and Girls Club and I saw a lot of people play chess and it interested me. So I bought my own chess set with instructions and got started there. ... I hope the chess team will grow. We can get more people interested or people who just want to learn."



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On Campus

Letter from Morocco: the Sandstorm

Editor's Note: Below is a letter from Laura Arroyo Miniel, a 21-year-old government (Middle Eastern affairs) major who is in Rabat, Morocco, studying the Arabic language and culture. Miniel, the daughter of Sally Arroyo, transferred to Cornell University last year after completing 62 hours at UTB/TSC. She left Brownville on Sept. 1, and is living with a Moroccan family. Her study abroad program will end Dec. 15.

Dear Mom:
Last week was very eventful—my favorite place was probably this desert village on the edge of the Sahara. To get to it we had to take Land Rovers from Rissani for more than an hour. When we first got into the Land Rovers I noticed that the windows were [made of] a special thick glass that had bolts, and I couldn't understand why they needed bolts until we started driving—there were no roads! We were literally driving into flat wasteland, bumping and flying over gravel and pits and gravel hills. There were no trees or buildings, other than the city fading behind us and huge yellow dunes like mountains in the far distance.

I couldn't see how the drivers knew where to go except that if you looked closely at the earth sometimes there were odd piles of stones, like four stones stacked onto each other, and that is apparently how the drivers knew where to go.

Over the gravel there was a layer of sand constantly blowing; it looked like snakes or water but it was just so much sand, and as we were driving we had to completely wrap our heads in turbans and wear glasses because the sand came in through the windows. We looked so funny! Because of my big turban and Jackie O glasses I looked like a burn victim or The "American" Patient.

At one point we stopped because one of the Land Rovers had lost a suitcase from the roof, and I was surprised we didn't all lose our

suitcases because as we were driving through the desert we started racing each other, the group being split into four jeeps, and so when we weren't screaming at the driver, "Yalah! Slit! Yalah! Yalah!" we were trying to cut off another Land Rover and get ahead, but because there were no roads and we were just racing over the gravel plains, we could drive in any direction and avoid each other or split off and then make a wide circle back. It was really crazy but soon flying over the gravel and skidding in random sand piles while clapping along to Arabic music was too much, so we just rode in a line, 50 feet between. I will never forget watching the Land Rover driving next to us because it looked like there was a long trail of fire behind it but it was really just sand that the wheels were spinning up.

Anyway, we arrived at the village two hours before sunset, and the locals had brought camels to take us out into the Sahara. They warned us that they could see a sandstorm in the distance but we went out anyway, into these huge yellow dunes. We passed an oasis and I made friends with a little boy who wanted to walk with us. Then we really went into the dunes and dunes were all you could see for miles—it was really incredible. Then we stopped and parked the camels at a valley between some dunes and we all got off to climb one—it was so hard! We all held hands going up because it was very easy to sink up to your knees with each step in the shifting sand, plus we also had to go uphill, so we walked on the very edge of the dune, that crest where the two sloping sides meet, which was a little easier.

Finally, when we got to the top, we jumped over the edge and rolled all the way to the bottom! It was a really massive dune so the fall took a long time. The people and camels at the bottom looked really small and I don't know how we made it up that far. I just know it was hard bare-

foot, and it was hard with sandals because the sand filled my sandals with each



Laura Arroyo Miniel

step and kind of sucked my foot down. Several times I thought people were going to roll over the edge when they stepped too far away from the center. But it was really nice, especially since we got to watch the sunset over the dunes while we were climbing one.

Then, on the camel ride home the sandstorm blew in! I don't know if you have ever

been in a sandstorm but it was really awful, especially being on the back of a camel! The sun had already set so there was not so much light, then the dark mass on the horizon suddenly surrounded us and there was zero visibility.

The wind and sand whip you painfully; also, there was this creepy low moaning sound from the wind in the palms or over the dunes or something. The locals told us to wrap our faces with our shawls and when they did it for themselves they left little slits for eyes, but so much sand got into my eyes that I just strapped my whole face with the shawl and tried to see through it. The sand was blowing so thick I could not see my camel's head, all I could see was its neck in front of me and then the head disappeared—but luckily we were close and camels have an intuitive sense of home, kind of like horses, so they

took us the rest of the way. We got off and ran into our bunkers, which were in a clay building with a heavy gate that bolts. We could see it because the people inside came out waving lanterns and flashlights to help us find the way, and that was the end of our camel ride!

I am sorry it has been so long since I have written. It is hard sometimes to get to an Internet cafe. But please tell me more about [the] anthrax [scare] and how things are in the States! We are all very scared over here; it seems like we are living one of those Stephen King TV movies where people sitting around eating dinner are saying things like, "So another person was infected with anthrax!" "The CDC came in!" Sometimes it seems unreal, especially being away here in Morocco. It's as if I'm watching a movie every time I watch the news.



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in life make having faith difficult "to hang on to," but he countered by saying, "Faith is like a muscle. It gets stronger with use and weakens with inactivity. Faith can keep us going when all else fails."

Valdez's faith that he would achieve his goal of becoming a stand-up comedian propelled him forward "night after night. ... The things that I have achieved in my personal and professional life have not come to me by avoidance, but by the obstacles

that I have met and overcome."

"Dealing with the challenges of our attitude means that one day we can empower ourselves to reach our true highest potential."

Valdez confirmed that he had not presented every answer on how to overcome the disabilities of attitude, because he only addressed one: "You can't stand still in life. And don't be afraid of failure. What is failure? Failure is nothing more than a simple lesson in life. If we learn to take advantage of it, it is an education and leads to something better."

Graduate school recruitment



Photo: Barbara L. University

Veronica Ramirez (right) of the University of Texas at San Antonio describes that university's graduate programs to Jennifer Carinhas (left) and Dora Vega, both senior UTB/TSC kinesiology majors, during the Graduate and Professional School Fair held Oct. 26 at the Student Center. Representatives from two dozen universities and about 100 UTB/TSC students took part in the fair, which was sponsored by the Career Services and Placement Office.

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Tiempo Nuevo

Seis estudiantes van a torneo estatal de ajedrez

Por Hildefonso Ortiz
Editor de Tiempo Nuevo

Seis estudiantes de UTB/TSC participaron en el campeonato estatal de ajedrez colegial el cual se llevó a cabo en Houston el fin de semana pasado. Los resultados no estaban disponibles a la hora de prensa.

"Este es el Super Tazón de ajedrez en el estado", dijo Vince Solis, director de Actividades Estudiantiles y copatrocinador del Club de Ajedrez de UTB/TSC quién acompañó al grupo.

El torneo está abierto a todos los competidores del nivel colegial que tengan rango.

Los estudiantes que están compitiendo son Edward Camarillo, Sergio Martínez, Arturo Alvarado, Eric Bariallano, Hugo Pérez y Luis Cesar Hernández.

El club de ajedrez se formó recientemente para promover competencias intercolegiales.

"Hemos estado en existencia como por un mes, y empezamos porque estábamos muy interesados en crear un equipo colegial de ajedrez como un escuadrón de intercompetencia entre escuelas", dijo Solis en una entrevista la semana pasada.

El dijo que el equipo a vencer es el de la Universidad de Texas en Dallas, por el tamaño y la calidad de su programa de ajedrez.

"Eventualmente queremos llegar a ese nivel de competencia y enseñarle una que otra cosa sobre ajedrez", dijo Solis. El dijo que la razón por que UT-Dallas es tan fuerte es porque rechaza lo mejor del estado, y esos estudiantes son en su mayoría de Brownsville.

"Los mejores jugadores del estado son de Brownsville. ... Eventualmente, queremos tener un equipo dominante, el cual se puede usar como herramienta para atraer estudiantes", dijo Solis. "UT-Dallas tiene el mejor equipo en el estado y los jugadores son de Brownsville porque muchos de ellos reciben

[becas]".

De los seis estudiantes de UTB/TSC que compitieron, tres fueron campeones estatales a nivel preparatoria y otro jugó desde primaria.

En cuanto a los otros dos, Solis dijo que son muy buenos, pero no han competido a nivel estatal; los seis tienen rango.

"La forma en que el sistema de rango funciona es que cada vez que juegan, reciben cierto número de puntos. ... Los maestros superiores tienen rangos arriba de 2000 puntos, tenemos estudiantes con rangos de [1,200, 1,300] y 1,400 puntos, ellos son buenos en lo que hacen", dijo Solis.

El director de Actividades Estudiantiles dijo que aunque el equipo es reciente, los miembros tienen una actitud positiva y esperan ganar.

"Queremos que ganen, como les irá no estamos 100 por ciento seguros, pero buscamos el oro", dijo Solis.

Algunos de los jugadores hablaron sobre sus experiencias y lo que esperan del torneo.

"Aprendí cuando estaba en primaria, yo fui a Russell. ... Nunca jugué para la escuela", dijo Edward Camarillo, un estudiante de educación de último año. "Espero aprender mucho del juego, creo que tenemos muchos jugadores buenos y espero aprender de ellos. Oí que la competencia es sobrellevarse, e intensa". Arturo Alvarado, un estudiante de primer año de biología marina, dijo, "Fue el reto, eso fue lo que me atrajo. Creo que me irá bien. [También] tenemos un buen equipo, y creo que tenemos una buena oportunidad".

Sergio Martínez, estudiante de contabilidad de tercer año, dijo, "Cuando era niño, iba al Club de Niños y Niñas y vi a mucha gente jugar ajedrez y me interesó. Y entonces me compré mi propio juego de ajedrez con instrucciones y me convencí. ... Espero que el equipo de ajedrez crezca. Podremos atraer más gente interesada o gente que quiera aprender".

Nuevos salones para Instituto de Idiomas



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Linda Forse, directora de programas para el Instituto de Idiomas, y Jim Holt, decano de Educación Continua, cortan el listón durante la inauguración de los salones nuevos del Instituto el pasado miércoles en el Centro Juvenil. Forse estaba disfrazada para celebrar el Día de los Muertos. Aproximadamente 35 personas asistieron a la ceremonia.

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Sports

Team Sting looking to end its season on a high note

By John Strubelt
Collegian Editor

Team Sting lost its final three home matches of the 2001 season, dropping to 4-20 on the year and 1-11 in conference. Scores were as follows: vs. Laredo College, 24-30, 27-30, 24-30; vs. San Jacinto College, 25-30, 18-30, 30-24, 26-30; and vs. Lee College, 14-30, 21-30, 20-30.

Despite the losses, head coach Brian Funk is impressed with the fact that the team has drastically improved throughout the course of the season. He is disappointed that the season is coming to an end.

"I wish this was halfway [through the season] because we're just starting to find a rhythm with a lot of our play," Funk said. "We're still making young mistakes but not nearly as many. We're just running a lot more smoothly. I know we'll play better this weekend too, I know we'll have a good weekend and maybe win both matches. I'll be tickled that, to end up like that. Knowing that we struggled but still stayed with it. It's easy to say, 'Hey, forget it, let's just get this thing over with.'"

While disappointed with Team Sting's loss to Lee, Funk finds solace in the fact that they were able to compete with them.

"Lee is the third-ranked team in the country, only undefeated team in the country," he said. "They're good but we could play with them, we were right there with them. Obviously not as good but we're doing some



Team Sting middle blocker Belinda Delgado goes up for the ball as UTB/TSC battled against Lee College Oct. 27 at the Garza Gym. Team Sting lost the match.

really good things. It's just not enough, we're just not consistent."

Asked who Team Sting's most valuable player was, Funk chose middle blocker Belinda Delgado, the team's only second-year player.

"Belinda has pretty much been a go-to person," he said. "She's played all the way around. There are times when she comes out of the backcourt but generally a player of her size is usually not a good ball handler or good defensive player but she is. She's been playing really good defense and that will really help her in her transition next year."

Funk was disappointed at the lack of support Team Sting received during its last home matches of the season.

"There weren't a lot of people here and it was really surpris-

ing," he said. "We had fliers, the Internet. We didn't find out it was going to be on TV 'til a few days before. I guess the lack of attendance was probably due to our record alone."

Team Sting was set to play at Wharton County Junior College and at Blinn Community College Nov. 2-3. Results were not available at press time.

Brief

There will be Intramural Tennis Mixed Doubles competition at 2:30 p.m. today and Wednesday at the tennis courts. For more information contact the Kinesiology Department at 544-8290.

the season has gone so far? "The record is not great, but it's a learning experience and it's fun."



Therapy
High School: Harlingen
Personal Goals: "To improve in the game of volleyball and to help better my team."

Awards/Honors: All District, Honorable Mention, Hitman Award
Career Plans: "I want to work at Valley Baptist [Medical Center], in the physical therapy department."

How do you feel that

The Meister's Scorecard

By Trey Mendez
Sports Editor



My original World Series prediction from one of the final issues last spring was actually correct. I picked the Diamondbacks to go to the World Series and play the Yankees. It wasn't until a couple of weeks ago that I thought the A's would get through the Yanks, but I was wrong about that. I guess we should always stick to our first instinct, huh? Since former Cub and current Diamondbacks first baseman Mark Grace is my favorite player, I find myself rooting for the D'Backs, who as of press time held the series advantage 2-1 going into game four.

Has anyone been paying attention to hockey? I know I haven't. The only thing I could tell you is that Mario Lemieux had surgery on his hip and will be out for a while. I know Wayne Gretzky retired, too. The Meister don't know about hockey, sorry.

In NCAA football, there were three top 10 teams that hit the bullet last week. The UCLA Bruins and the Rockies from Virginia Tech both lost, but the biggest one of them all was the Oklahoma Sooners, who went into their game against the Nebraska Cornhuskers ranked No. 1 in the BCS standings. The loss wasn't that surprising since the Huskers were ranked second. It was a great game and Nebraska QB Eric Crouch looked to be the front-runner for the Heisman trophy. This guy can do it all, and anybody who watched the game knows why. I am not sure if he will be a quarterback in the NFL, but he can run as fast as any-

one else and is probably the reason his team is on its way to another championship.

As I write this Scorecard, Michael Jordan had just made his NBA return with the Washington Wizards, scoring 19 points in a 93-91 loss to the New York Knicks. I remember the old days when I would watch a Bulls game on TV and watch Jordan's every move, just knowing that he had the magic to take them on his shoulder and lead them to victory. The Bulls were my favorite team when they stunk, and when they were great, but I stopped being a fan once MJ retired the first time and never got the enthusiasm back. Now I am just a fan without a team, but I would like Jordan to give these smelly little kids whiplash and show them who is boss.

Maybe by the time this Scorecard finds its way into a reader's hands, there will be another top 10 team that falls, maybe the Wizards will be undefeated, or maybe we will have our baseball champions. Either way, we need to wish for peace in the world and hope that our soldiers who are fighting on foreign soil come back safely. In the end, who cares if Eric Crouch wins the Heisman, who cares if the Yankees can come back and win the World Series? There are definitely more important things going on in the world than sports. Until next week, this is the Meister saying, God Bless America!

Athlete of the Week

By Trey Mendez
Sports Editor

Name: Axle Valle
Sport: Volleyball
Position: Outside Hitter
Classification: Freshman
Major: Physical

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Viewpoint

No way out of this war but to win

By Trudy Rubin

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

An old ditty from the Vietnam War era floated into my head as I was watching Donald Rumsfeld give his daily Pentagon briefing on CNN.

"And it's one, two, three, what are we fighting for?" sang Country Joe and the Fish. It was the quintessential antiwar song, about grunts going off to die in a war so many Americans had doubts about.

As questions proliferate about strategy and tactics in the fight against the Taliban and al-Qaeda, doubts will begin to bubble up about our engagement in this war. I get these already in e-mail from readers: Why couldn't we resolve this peacefully? This would end if Israel left the West Bank! If we kill bin Laden, there will be others to replace him etc., etc.

This war is going to take much longer than Pentagon officials first predicted, and the questioning is bound to get louder.

So it's important that we keep reminding ourselves why we are fighting and what our basic aims are. The debate over how to win is a separate topic. But nobody should doubt that this is a war we can't afford to lose.

Let's start with basics. Al-Qaeda crossed our borders and killed thousands of Americans on the American mainland. Air traffic controllers at Dulles Airport believe the plane that hit the Pentagon was headed for the White House but turned around only because the pilot couldn't see it. The fourth plane might have hit the U.S. Capitol had passengers not jumped the hijackers first.

We came within a hair of losing the vice president and most of our legislators. The Pentagon was hacked. The country's financial center is a semi-dead zone with a smoldering mass grave at its heart. If this doesn't justify a war, what would?

If we don't crush these who bleed our country, we might as well hang a sign on the Statue of Liberty proclaiming, "Hi us Agains, Harrod!" Those who claim "an eye-for-an-eye will make us all blind" have it exactly backward. If we display weakness by failing to go after those who attacked us, the terrorists will go for our other eye.

Which leads us to the goals of this war.

With apologies to President Bush, there is not to eliminate evil from this world or even to eliminate terrorism. Neither is possible, neither is practical. Our goals should be to eliminate bin Laden's network and the Taliban who host him. One can't eliminate the terrorists from Afghan soil without deposing Mullah Mohammed Omar and his Taliban forces from power.

Some say it's no use making martyr of bin Laden because another terrorist will replace him. But not all terrorists are equal; some have skills and international networks that far outpace the rest. Such was Abu Nidal in the 1980s; much more so is bin Laden, who displays an enormous thirst for personal power along with a well-rehearsed urge to radicalize the entire Muslim world and break America's back.

Whether or not the antiwar letters come from bin Laden's gang, we must never forget his eagerness to use weapons of mass destruction.

If the elimination of the Saudi-born terrorist did not end global terror, it would at least dampen it. It would also signal America's strength and willingness to fight. To signal weakness would encourage bin Laden wannabes to proliferate.

But even knowing all this may not suppress the doubts as America makes mistakes in tactics and strategy and U.S. soldiers start dying. More Americans may start to ask whether there isn't a better way to appease bin Laden—such as meeting his political demands.

Forget it. It won't work. Even if we could coax or push Israel and the Palestinians back to the table-worthy goals unto themselves it wouldn't affect bin Laden. He wants Israel destroyed. Full stop.

Pull our troops out of Saudi Arabia? For what? Bin Laden's goal is to topple the Saudi monarchy, install a Taliban-like regime and jump the price of oil from \$30-plus to \$120 a barrel.

End sanctions on Iraq, when Saddam Hussein just might—we don't have conclusive proof—be handing off his bio-weapons archives to al-Qaeda? The Iraq issue can be revisited only once we get rid of bin Laden.

There is no way out. No matter how messy, difficult or long, no matter our government's mistakes, this war isn't Vietnam. It isn't optional.

We have no way out of this war but to win.



"This date is a sweet one, fresh out of California and great with almonds. Let's start the bid at \$50."

Student Soapbox

What are you going to do for Halloween?

"We're going to Boo at the Zoo and go out and party."

—Lucia Quezada
Junior art major

"Hanging out, trick-or-treating, and going to Boo at the Zoo."

—Al Garza
Junior art major

"I'm going to dress [like a joker], say riddles, dance around and fall on my butt."

—Griselda Valerio
Sophomore English major

"I'm going to give candies to neighborhood kids and go out and party."

—Enrique Rosas

Sophomore business major

"I have a class tonight, so I'm going to study and attend class."

—Emilio Gonzalez
Senior education major

—Compiled by Josie Chavez

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Holzman takes audience on tuneful trip

Ysenia Bazaldúa

Staff Writer

The South Texas Guitar Society started its season's series at the SET-B Lecture Hall Oct. 26. Amid the dim lights and cool temperatures the hall is notorious for, the audience found themselves relaxed and enlightened by the detailed performance from Adam Holzman.

Holzman teaches at the University of Texas at Austin, where he founded the Guitar Department and keeps an active performing and recording career. Holzman is a highly sought-after recitalist, reviewed and praised by the New York Times and Toronto Star. He has won numerous prestigious prizes, given the title of "Maestro Extraordinario" by the Universidad Autonoma de Nuevo Leon in Monterrey, Mexico.

His program took the audience from the Baroque

era to the 20th century. Holzman presented the works of master composers Manuel Ponce,

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Astor Piazzola, George Philip Telemann, Johann Kasper Mertz, Roland Dyens and Eduardo Martin.

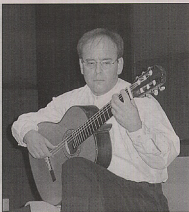
Mertz's 19th century compositions are romantic and soothing; they lulled the audiences in their seats. The works by Ponce are modern 20th century pieces and do not follow some of the harmonic and melodic conventions of older classical music.

Holzman performed "Tropics" and "Vespertina," setting a certain mood for the audience. For the most part Holzman played pieces with sensitivity and a sense of introspectiveness. His tone and technique suited the pieces that were

quick. He grabbed audiences with interesting rubato and breaks in tempo. Much of the music was performed with balance and structure, exploiting the performer's technical abilities. His confidence certainly brought an energy and intensity to the pieces, too.

Sergio Assad's arrangement of "Primavera Porteno" called for a dose of virtuosity. Holzman's hand along the fret board displayed the function of speed and dexterity. The need to frequently tune his guitar on stage seemed to bother Holzman more than it affected the audience's ability to enjoy the performances. The UT professor performed and taught. His music seemed like class in session with an audience of keen students.

Like the South Texas Guitar Society, Holzman is dedicated to music. His



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Adam Holzman

performance kicked off the season and definitely showed what the society is all about. The performances are quality entertainment.

The Guitar Society is a nonprofit organization set on creating an understanding and appreciation of the guitar. Its concert season runs through next April.

THE ENLIGHTENED ONES TELL YOU WHAT TO DO...

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Change is a great catalyst in a relationship, but men and women have different standards of change; women want to see if they can change a man into a more dynamic, sensitive, lifetime partner, men just want to see how big a woman's bosom can get with implants before she tips over.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): You will have nightmares caused by The Simpson's "Halloween Special."

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-21): Ladies pick a guy who will lie to you about small, things like how great your cooking is or how much he loves your Chihuahua, not one who lies about big things, like how that weird rash in his groin he picked up in Bangkok came from seafood.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Just because it's near

the end of the semester does not give you an excuse to stop brushing your hair.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Am I the only person disturbed by the fact some of these drag commercials make it seem that leading an exciting lifestyle comes from the fact you have a disease like herpes or uncontrollable gas?

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): You will find yourself inventing tongue twisters; unfortunately, you will bite your tongue several times before you actually complete one.

Aries (March 21-April 19): I often wonder, do clowns have little kids come to their parties and do tricks?

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Remember: Britney Spears is a singer, not a goddess.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): I heard someone say

wrestling is a good reflection of society, and I agree with him. A lot of the members in my family are large, burly, muscular guys who wear gladiator lights, have interesting nicknames like "The Nature Boy" or "The Sexy Beast," talk loudly for no reason and try to do a "finishing move" on you when you're not looking.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): Remember what Grandma used to say: "Love is blind, especially if he's really ugly and drives a brand-new Bentley."

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): When you graduate, it would not be a good idea to roll your diploma up, Cheech and Chong style, and smoke it; try another celebration tactic.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You will inherit the lamest superpower ever—from the miles away!

Crossword

ACROSS

1. I'm a pie

5. Support

9. Ten-fifteen

14. Above

15. Small animal

16. Pensive

17. Rocks fast

18. Heat or calm

20. Making in the

21. Country

23. Horse rider

24. R.N.'s acronym

29. In

30. Impulse into

33. Track

34. Component

35. Delicate stick

36. Water pitcher

38. Ten

40. "And I Love"

41. Veggie

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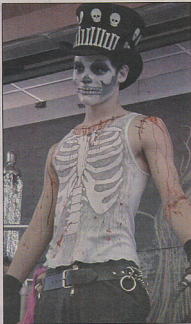


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About 300 people jammed the Student Center last Wednesday to take part in Halloween Havoc, sponsored by Student Activities. The event included costume and pumpkin-carving contests, food, face-painting and candlemaking booths. Clockwise, from top right: "Michael Graves" of the Misfits struts during the costume contest. Scott Lughlin of Wax 'n' More shows Christina Infante, a Continuing Education student, how to dip her hand in wax. Twenty gourds were entered in the pumpkin-carving contest. Winners were Student Activities' "Wishmaster," first place; library staffer Javier Garcia's "The Witch," second place; and Hunter Room Special Collections Manager and Archivist John Hawthorne's "traditional pumpkin," third place. Juliette Roux dances as "Michael Jackson" to win third place in the costume contest. Pedro Trejo, dressed as "Patitas Verdes" or the Michigan J Frog, and Felipe Garcia, dressed as "Satyr," won first and second place, respectively, in the costume contest.



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